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On Thursday March 31 DFO announced a reduction in the overall shrimp quota for the east coast of NL. This was prompted by scientific evidence indicating some stock decline. It also announced that this reduction would result in a 40% cut in the quota available to the inshore shrimp fleet and only a 10% cut in the offshore guota. This generated a heated reaction from inshore fishermen and Earle McCurdy, President of the NL Fishermen's Union. McCurdy said that inshore shrimp harvesters and plant workers in the province were getting the "royal shaft" from the Harper government. He said that it's the equivalent of shutting down four shrimp plants: "I think it's absolutely disgraceful, flies completely in the face of adjacency ... and if allowed to stay in place would be devastating to coastal communities, particularly those with fish plants." More here BTW you have wonder which genius in DFO decided to transmit this decision by email to the fishermen on the day that Stephen Harper was in St.John's to announce support for the Lower Churchill hyro project. And now along comes Loyola Sullivan, Tory candidate in St. John's, better known for misleading the public about the NAFO file while living high on the hog as Ambassador for Fisheries Conservation, claimin that

McCurdy of the FFAW has been misleading the public about the shrimp quota reductions! Does he think the people of NL are stupid?

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